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Police Department Conducts "Shoulder Tap" Operation

Riverside, CA – On October 25, 2014, The Riverside Police Department VICE Unit, along with agents from Alcoholic Beverage Control, conducted a "Shoulder Tap" operation in the City of Riverside.

The "Shoulder Tap" operation was conducted to address the problem of adults who illegally purchase alcohol for minors. The minors, acting under the supervision of Vice detectives, were located near the front of "Off-Sale" establishments. They were told to solicit adult customers to purchase alcohol for them, and were instructed to make it clear they were too young to buy the alcohol for themselves.

The operation focused on seven (7) locations and was conducted over a five-hour period. A total of fourteen (14) customers were contacted. One (1) of the fourteen (14) customers purchased alcohol for the minors, and was subsequently arrested, cited and released. An adult arrested for purchasing alcohol for a minor could face up to a \$500.00 fine, up to 36 months of probation, jail time and/or community service.

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